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HOG AND PIG INVENTORY

There were 1,110,000 hogs and pigs on Pennsylvania farms on December 1, 2010. This estimated inventory was 30,000 head less than both the previous year's inventory and the September 1 inventory. Market hog inventory, at 1,010,000 head, decreased 25,000 head since September and was down 30,000 head from December 2009; while the breeding herd inventory, at 100,000 head was down 5,000 head from September and unchanged from a year ago. The September-November 2010 pig crop totaled 485,000 head, up 30,000 head from the same period a year ago. There were 48,000 sows farrowed during the quarter, 2,000 less than the previous quarter, but 2,000 more than the previous year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter this quarter was 10.10, up from 9.5 pigs per litter the previous quarter, and up from the 9.90 pigs per litter average from a year ago.

Pennsylvania hog farmers intend to have 45,000 sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, 2,000 less than actually farrowed during the same period in 2010; and 48,000 for the March - May 2011 quarter, down 1,000 from the number of sows that actually farrowed during that time in 2010.

The U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2010, was 64.3 million head. This was down 1 percent from December 1, 2009, and down 2 percent from September 1, 2010. Breeding inventory, at 5.78 million head, was down 1 percent from last year, but up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.5 million head,

was down 1 percent from last year, and down 2 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2010 U.S. pig crop, at 28.2 million head, was down slightly from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down 2 percent from 2009. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 9.89 for the September-November 2010 period, compared to 9.70 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.70 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2010-February 2011 quarter, down 1 percent from the actual farrowings during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, and down 5 percent from the December 2008-February 2009 quarter. Intended farrowings for March-May 2011, at 2.86 million sows, are down 2 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 45 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 44 percent last year.

SOURCE: *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs*, 3:00 p.m., December 27, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

HOGS & PIGS: NUMBER ON FARMS, DECEMBER 1, SOWS FARROWING & PIG CROP, 2009-2010

Item	Pennsylvania			United States		
	2009	2010	2010/09	2009	2010	2010/09
	(000) Head		Percent	(000) Head		Percent
Inventory - December 1:						
All Hogs & Pigs	1,140	1,110	97	64,887	64,325	99
Kept For Breeding	100	100	100	5,850	5,778	99
Market	1,040	1,010	97	59,037	58,547	99
Market Hogs & Pigs By Weight Groups:						
Under 50 Pounds	280	240	86	18,705	18,564	99
50-119 Pounds	330	340	103	16,782	16,519	98
120-179 Pounds	220	200	91	12,299	12,208	99
180 Pounds and Over	210	230	110	11,252	11,256	100
Sows Farrowing:						
December ¹ - February	40	47	118	3,011	2,872	95
March-May	42	49	117	3,018	2,929	97
June-August	42	50	119	2,959	2,907	98
September-November	46	48	104	2,915	2,847	98
Pig Crop:						
December ¹ - February	390	456	117	28,552	27,597	97
March-May	410	480	117	29,012	28,730	99
June-August	420	475	119	28,718	28,512	99
September-November	455	485	107	28,260	28,151	100
	Number			Number		
Pigs Per Litter:						
December ¹ - February	9.75	9.70	99	9.48	9.61	101
March-May	9.75	9.80	101	9.61	9.81	102
June-August	10.00	9.50	95	9.70	9.81	101
September-November	9.90	10.10	102	9.70	9.89	102

¹ December preceding year. SOURCE: *Quarterly Hogs and Pigs*, 3:00 p.m., December 27, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, SELECTED COMMODITIES, DECEMBER 2010

Commodity	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010 ¹	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010 ¹
<i>Dollars</i>							
Corn	Bu.	3.77	5.59	5.84	3.60	4.55	4.94
Soybeans ²	Bu.	-	-	-	9.80	11.10	11.70
Wheat, Winter ²	Bu.	-	-	-	4.68	6.00	6.85
Oats.....	Bu.	3.79	3.34	3.09	2.22	3.02	2.74
Barley ²	Bu.	-	-	-	4.54	3.852	3.98
Hay, Dry All	Ton	134.00	109.00	111.00	105.00	111.00	112.00
Dry Alfalfa	Ton	156.00	135.00	145.00	109.00	117.00	121.00
Dry Other.....	Ton	129.00	105.00	105.00	96.20	95.50	94.60
Apples, Fresh Use	Lb.	0.278	0.388	0.269	0.275	0.321	0.295
Cows, Slaughter	Cwt.	40.90	50.80	53.00	43.50	51.70	54.20
Calves	Cwt.	98.00	100.00	102.00	105.00	124.00	128.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	78.30	92.70	94.30	83.80	101.00	104.00
Barrows & Gilts.....	Cwt.	43.10	45.60	⁷	45.50	48.00	52.20
Sows	Cwt.	34.30	47.60	⁷	32.10	43.50	48.90
Sheep.....	Cwt.	60.00	66.00	-	44.40	54.20	-
Lambs	Cwt.	120.00	135.00	-	98.70	142.00	-
Eggs ³	Doz.	0.920	⁶	⁶	0.918	1.020	0.919
Milk, All.....	Cwt.	17.90	20.20	19.30	16.50	17.90	16.80
Fluid Grade.....	Cwt.	17.90	20.20	-	16.50	17.90	16.80
Manufactured Grade ⁴ ...	Cwt.	-	-	-	16.30	15.60	14.70
Milk Cows ⁵	Head	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Preliminary. ² Pennsylvania price not published on monthly basis, average price is published annually. ³ Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. ⁴ PA is no longer published due to insufficient manufacturing grade milk volume. ⁵ Quarterly (Jan., Apr., Jul, Oct.). ⁶ PA is no longer publishing monthly Market Egg prices. ⁷ December 2010, State level sow, barrow & gilt, and all hog prices will be discontinued. SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., December 30, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

DECEMBER FARM PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 1 POINT

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in December, at 160 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 1 point (0.6 percent) from November. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.1 percent) but the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, and cattle and lower prices for lettuce, milk, oranges, and onions. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, milk, oranges, and broilers offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, cattle, and grapes.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 25 points (19 percent) from December 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 155, is unchanged from last month but increased 19 points (14 percent) from December 2009.

Food grains: The December index, at 229, is 16 percent above the previous month and 33 percent above a year ago. The December all wheat price, at \$7.05 per bushel, is up 92 cents from November and \$2.18 above December 2009.

Feed grains & hay: The December index is 207, up 6.7 percent from last month and 34 percent above a year ago. The corn price, at \$4.94 per bushel, is up 39 cents from last month and \$1.34 above December 2009. The all hay price, at \$112 per ton, is up \$1.00 from November and up \$7.00 from last December. Sorghum grain, at \$9.17 per cwt, is 73 cents above November and \$3.46 above December last year.

Oilseeds: The December index, at 204, is up 6.8 percent from November and 19 percent higher than December 2009. The soybean price, at \$11.70 per bushel, increased 60 cents from November and is \$1.90 above December 2009.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Beginning with December 2010, State level sow, barrow & gilt, and all hog prices will be discontinued. United States level sow, barrow & gilt,

and all hog prices will be published based on data provided by United States Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service.

SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., December 30, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

U.S. PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS¹

Commodity	Unit	Dec 2009	Nov 2010	Dec 2010
<i>Dollars</i>				
Wheat	Bu.	13.60	14.90	15.20
Corn.....	Bu.	8.43	9.30	9.46
All Milk, Sold to Plants ² ...	Cwt.	45.10	45.80	46.60
Wool	Lb.	1.94	2.13	2.16
Barley	Bu.	9.20	10.40	10.60
Oats.....	Bu.	5.57	6.10	6.21
Potatoes.....	Cwt.	19.30	20.80	21.20
Soybeans.....	Bu.	20.50	22.90	23.30
Apples, For Fresh Use ³ ...	Lb.	0.779	0.825	0.840
Beef Cattle.....	Cwt.	241.00	255.00	259.00
Calves.....	Cwt.	345.00	360.00	366.00
Hogs	Cwt.	131.00	139.00	141.00
Lambs.....	Cwt.	271.00	288.00	293.00
Sheep	Cwt.	105.00	109.00	111.00
Eggs	Doz.	2.15	2.28	2.32
Turkeys, Live.....	Lb.	1.320	1.400	1.420

¹ Parity prices are computed under the provisions of Title III, Subtitle a, Section 301 (a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 as amended by the Agricultural Acts of 1948, 1949, and 1956. ² Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. ³ Equivalent packinghouse-door returns for CA, NY (apples only). Price at point of first sale for other states. SOURCE: **Agricultural Prices**, 3:00 p.m., November 30, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS **NOVEMBER 30, 2010**

Apples in cold storage reported by cold storage warehouses for Pennsylvania totaled 5,008,500 bushels on November 30, 2010, compared to 5,632,000 bushels on November 30, 2009. The 3 largest varieties in storage were: York, 1,570,000 bushels; Golden Delicious, 1,129,500 bushels; and Rome, 827,000 bushels.

Total apple stocks in Pennsylvania totaled 210,357,000 pounds on November 30, 2010, compared to 236,544,000 pounds on November 30, 2009.

SOURCE: ***Cold Storage***, 3:00 p.m., December 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

Pennsylvania Apples In Cold Storage (bushels), November 2010

Variety	November 30, 2009					November 30, 2010				
	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total	Fresh Market ¹		Processing		Total
	Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.		Reg.	C.A.	Reg.	C.A.	
	Bushels									
Braeburn	6,000	0	2,500	0	8,500	3,500	0	500	0	4,000
Cortland	3,000	500	3,500	0	7,000	2,500	500	0	0	3,000
Empire	25,500	62,000	14,500	0	102,000	20,000	33,500	500	0	54,000
Fuji	179,000	26,500	25,500	26,500	257,500	54,000	138,000	55,500	7,000	254,500
Gala	15,000	90,500	500	2,000	108,000	23,500	40,000	1,500	6,500	71,500
Golden Delicious	198,000	213,000	829,000	476,000	1,716,000	81,500	258,000	327,000	463,000	1,129,500
Granny Smith	7,000	0	13,000	123,000	143,000	21,000	1,500	55,000	61,500	139,000
Idared	5,500	1,500	125,000	24,000	156,000	3,000	1,500	12,500	40,000	57,000
Jonagold	27,000	46,000	96,500	0	169,500	11,000	29,000	6,500	0	46,500
Jonathan	2,000	0	8,000	2,500	12,500	500	0	0	0	500
McIntosh	18,000	22,500	4,000	2,000	46,500	6,000	19,000	5,000	3,500	33,500
Mutsu/Crispin	7,000	0	39,000	0	46,000	5,500	0	39,000	0	44,500
Northern Spy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pink Lady	5,000	1,000	500	0	6,500	16,000	10,000	500	0	26,500
Red Delicious	199,000	431,000	56,000	60,500	746,500	125,000	309,000	79,000	61,500	574,500
Rome	49,500	22,500	324,000	350,000	746,000	21,000	34,000	295,000	477,000	827,000
Rome Sport	9,000	3,000	105,000	1,000	118,000	4,000	1,000	64,000	500	69,500
Spartan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stayman	7,000	1,000	13,000	0	21,000	7,500	500	13,500	0	21,500
Winesap	500	0	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0
York	9,500	0	700,000	447,000	1,156,500	1,500	0	1,060,000	509,000	1,570,500
All Other Varieties	12,000	9,000	39,500	500	61,000	15,500	10,500	44,000	0	70,000
Not Segregated	0	0	3,500	0	3,500	3,000	2,500	5,500	500	11,500
All Varieties	784,500	930,000	2,402,500	1,515,000	5,632,000	425,500	888,500	2,064,500	1,630,000	5,008,500

¹ Includes total quantities on hand; graded and ungraded, packed or loose on the last day of the month specified.

SOURCE: ***Cold Storage***, 3:00 p.m., December 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

Apple Stocks In Cold Storage, Pennsylvania & United States

Commodity	All Warehouse Stocks		
	November 30, 2009	October 31, 2010	November 30, 2010
<i>Pennsylvania</i>			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	133,854,000	110,817,000	104,580,000
Controlled Atmosphere	102,690,000	111,699,000	105,777,000
TOTAL APPLES	236,544,000	222,516,000	210,357,000
<i>United States</i>			
Apples:			
Regular Storage	1,433,951,000	1,537,402,000	1,081,529,000
Controlled Atmosphere	4,177,567,000	4,158,565,000	4,188,052,000
TOTAL APPLES	5,611,518,000	5,695,967,000	5,269,581,000

SOURCE: ***Cold Storage***, 3:00 p.m., December 22, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at www.nass.usda.gov.

MONTHLY POULTRY SUMMARY

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			United States		
		Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010	Nov 2009	Oct 2010	Nov 2010
Layers	Thous.	23,199	23,675	24,336	338,121	335,890	337,842
Eggs Per 100 Layers	Number	2,392	2,471	2,408	2,239	2,285	2,232
Eggs Produced	Million	555	585	586	7,569	7,676	7,541
Chick Hatch-Broiler Type	Thous.	12,428	13,449	12,937	705,439	766,978	740,661
Chick Hatch-Egg Type ¹	Thous.	-	-	-	34,512	41,263	38,947
Turkey Poults Placed	Thous.	-	-	-	21,061	21,211	23,383

¹ April 2009 state level data for egg-type chicks hatched will no longer be published.

SOURCES: **Chickens and Eggs**, 3:00 p.m., December 21, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

Turkey Hatchery, 3:00 p.m., December 15, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Pennsylvania during November 2010 totaled 586 million eggs, up 6 percent from the 555 million eggs produced in November 2009. The total number of layers averaged 24.3 million during November, a 5 percent increase from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2408 eggs during the month, an increase of 16 eggs overall from November 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched in Pennsylvania totaled 12.9 million during November 2010, a 4 percent increase from the number hatched in the same month a year earlier.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.54 billion during November 2010, down slightly from last year. Production included 6.51 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 970 million were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2010 averaged 338 million, down slightly from last year. November egg production per 100 layers was 2,232 eggs, down slightly from November 2009.

Egg-type chicks hatched during November 2010 totaled 38.9 million, up 13 percent from November 2009. Broiler-type chicks hatched during November 2010 totaled 741 million, up 5 percent from November 2009. There were 23.4 million net poults placed during November 2010 in the United States, up 11 percent from the number placed during the same month a year earlier.

SOURCE: **Chickens and Eggs**, 3:00 p.m., December 21, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.



COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, NOV 2010

Specie	Unit	Pennsylvania	United States
Red Meat Prod....	Million pounds	113.7	4,329.2
Cattle	1,000 Head	86.0	2,876.4
	1,000 pounds live	106,574	3,724,042
Calves	1,000 Head	9.5	72.9
	1,000 pounds live	4,081	19,151
Hogs	1,000 Head	253.9	9,970.2
	1,000 pounds live	66,895	2,770,254
Sheep & Lambs ...	1,000 Head	3.2	218.0
	1,000 pounds live	315	28,597

SOURCE: **Livestock Slaughter**, 8:30 a.m. December 23, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during November 2010 totaled 113.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from November 2009. Beef production, at 106.6 million pounds live weight, was up 17 percent from November 2009. Total head slaughtered was 86,000, up 17 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,250 pounds, unchanged from last year. Veal production was 4.1 million pounds live weight, down 7 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 9,500 head was down 7 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 428 pounds. Pork production was 66.9 million pounds live weight, up less than 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 253,900, down less than 1 percent from November 2009. Average live weight increased 2 pounds to 264 pounds. Lamb and mutton production during November 2010 was 315,000 pounds live weight, up 2 percent from November 2009. The number slaughtered was 3,200, up 7 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 4 pounds to 98 pounds.

SOURCE: **Livestock Slaughter**, 8:30 a.m. December 23, 2010, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA; available at nass.usda.gov.

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